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GRANT GEDDES, OF BAKER, DIES SUDDENLY

FALLS OVER ON BREAKFAST
TABLE IN DYING CONDITION
SUNDAY MORNING.

SPECIAL RUN FROM THIS CITY

Prominent Railroad and Lumber Financier and Active Manager Dies Suddenly Yesterday Morning at Baker City—Special From La Grande

Baker City, Nov. 28 (Special)—Morgan Grant Geddes, identified with two big business enterprises of Baker City, holding relations with the firm of Geddes Bros., grocers, at La Grande, influential in the L. D. S. church, and one of the leading business men of Eastern Oregon, fell over dead at his breakfast table Sunday morning at 9:25. Mr. Geddes coughed suddenly and his head dropped. He was hastily moved to a bed where he gasped twice and died. He is survived by the widow and six sons, the oldest of whom is 15 years of age.

Funeral services are being held in Baker City this afternoon and the remains will be shipped to Logan, Utah, for burial tomorrow. Mr. Geddes was born at Pains, Utah, July 10, 1865.

Influential in Business Circles.
As a businessman his rank was high. He was general manager of the Sumpter Valley railroad, and in addition to that was manager of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, a firm having extensive timber holdings in the Sumpter country. In addition to this, he was interested in the grocery business at La Grande.

News of the sudden death reached La Grande yesterday and too late for the Manager's friends and relatives of the deceased to go to Baker City on the morning train. A special train was made up here yesterday afternoon which took A. S. Geddes, a brother of the deceased, Will, Merrill and Leon Stoddard, and several other prominent lumbermen of this city.

While there is no way to verify the statement it is believed by many that Mr. Geddes was also heavily interested in the Perry mill. In addition

THREE MEMBERS OF TRAIN CREW KILLED

WRECK ON BALTIMORE & OHIO
ENDS FATALLY.

Passengers Escape Injury When Passenger Hits Helper Engine.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 28—Three trainmen were killed and three seriously injured in a wreck of the New York-Chicago express westbound on the Baltimore-Ohio tracks. The wreck was near Grafton, West Virginia. Several passengers were injured but the majority escaped.
The dead:
L. J. FLANNAGAN, Engineer.
Y. H. DEMSS, Fireman.
JOSEPH WEAVER, Brakeman.
The trains collided with a yard engine that had helped the train up the hill. It was backing into a siding when the passenger engine struck it. Both were derailed.

to these activities, he was right hand man to David Eccles, the sugar man, who is the financial pillar behind both of the main industries which Mr. Geddes managed.

COASTING RESULTS SERIOUSLY.

Fred Boch Unconscious Twenty-Four Hours and Still in Serious Condition

As a result of a painful accident last Saturday afternoon, Fred Boch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boch, 1607 Sixth street, is in a critical condition today. He was coasting down the Sixth street hill when he struck a post and was knocked unconscious. His chief injuries seem to be about the breast. He was unconscious for twenty-four hours continually and this afternoon shows little signs of improvement. He is unconscious at times today, and his condition is deemed serious.

RATE HEARING IS CONCLUDED AT BAKER CITY

LA GRANDE IN RECORD ALONG
WITH BAKER CITY.

Railroad to Present Its Answer December 15—Decision Soon After

Whatever is meted out to Baker City in the matter of distributive rates will in all probability be accorded to La Grande as a result of the hearing at Baker City last Saturday in which Baker City and La Grande, the latter intervening, presented its rate matters to the railroad commission. Governor-elect Oswald West, sitting on the bench. The routine of procedure is for the railroad to present their answer at Portland on December 15th after which time the commission will render its opinion on the merits of testimony taken and transcribed at Baker City and what the railroads will answer with.

La Grande on Record.
By securing permission to intervene at the Baker City hearing, La Grande is on record and will receive the same consideration exactly as Baker City in this matter.

Concedes Baker's Rights.
Turner Oliver, who appeared for La Grande's merchants, did not contend that Baker City was asking too much, or that she should surrender any rights to La Grande in the matter; rather than that, he merely argued on facts and carefully compiled data, that La Grande is entitled to just the same consideration as is Baker City. Mr. Oliver pointed out that La Grande is 100 miles from Huntington, 100 miles from Joseph, 70 miles from Pendleton and therefore the center of the eastern section of Oregon as far as the O. R. & N. is concerned, and is fully as much entitled to a lower special commodity rates into La Grande and distributive rates out of the city.

Millar Next Commissioner.
Mr. Millar who is held up as the probable appointee for commissioner, was at the hearing and it is taken for granted from that, that Mr. Millar is the next commissioner to succeed Mr. West.

PAPAL DECREE RADICAL.

No Clergymen Will be Allowed to Meddle With Finances Hereafter.

Rome, Nov. 28—The papal decree which is announced to be published next week, contains among other things, a rule debarring the clergy from participation in business or anything that has to do with finances. It goes into effect January 1.

Illinois Has Millions.
Washington, Nov. 28—The population of Illinois is 5,638,591, an increase of 817,041. It means four new congressmen.

BEATEN SOLONS PARLIAMENT IS MAY BOLT THE OLD RANKS

DISGRUNTLED AT DEFEAT, THEY
MAY WORK MAYOC WITH THE
TAFT PROGRAM

REPUBLICANS' LAST CHANCE FOLLOWS EDWARD POLIGIES

Full Strength of Administration Needed But When Needed Most Defeated Congressmen are Likely to Bolt and Fall out of Line With Taft Forces—President Has Knotty Problem to Solve This Year.

Washington, Nov. 28—With the opening congress approaching, politicians and people are evincing usual interest in the presidential message. Some say it will be full of surprises. With the legislative program half finished, the President finds himself with a Democratic congress. This session is his last chance with the republican congress in power, so it is expected he will attempt to rush through the most important legislation.

Needed Strength Missing.
To do this the full strength of the administration will be necessary. It is doubtful whether disgruntled congressmen, beaten in the last election will remain in line. It is intimated some of them will revolt. Politicians say President Taft will ask for tariff revision.

ROSS, PIONEER OF 1847 IS DEAD AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

L. A. Ross, perhaps the oldest member of the G. A. R. in this city and one of the very earliest pioneers of old La Grande died this morning after an illness of about twenty days. He was seized with paralysis about twenty days ago and has been in a critical condition since then, death relieving his sufferings this morning.

No definite plans for funeral arrangements have been made as his children are living at distant points, but it is likely it will be held two days hence.

Mr. Ross came to Oregon in 1847. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1834.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

GOVERNOR ILL AGAIN.

Benson Will Return to California to Remain Until He is Cured.

Salem, Nov. 28—On account of illness again with lupus that is disfiguring his face, Governor Benson is planning to return to California soon probably to remain until cured. Jay Bowerman, president of the senate, at Condon, will arrive here in December to act as governor until January when Governor-Elect West is inaugurated.

Conductor Hurt.

Conductor Quinn, of the Perry Lumber company logging train, was painfully injured Saturday afternoon. Slippery rails caused the logging cars to bump, throwing the conductor. He sustained three rib fractures.

TED COY NAMES ALL-AMERICA ELEVEN

KILPATRICK AND SPRACKLING
AMONG THOSE AGREED UPON.

Back Field General Conceded to be Agreed Upon by Critics.

New York, Nov. 28—An All-American football team selected by Ted Coy in the New York World today follows: Kilpatrick, Yale, left end; McKay, Harvard, left tackle; Weir, West Point, left guard; Morays, Yale, center; Fisher, Harvard, right guard; Paul, Yale, right tackle; Smith, Harvard, right end; Sprackling, Brown, quarterback; Wendell, Harvard, left halfback; McKay, Brown, right halfback; Mercer, Pennsylvania, fullback.

The New York Sun's selections are Kilpatrick, Yale, left end; Cahilly, Yale, left tackle; Fisher, Harvard, left guard; Cozens, Pennsylvania, center; Brown, Annapolis, right guard; McKay, Harvard, right tackle; Smith, Harvard, right end; Sprackling, Brown, quarter; Wendell, Harvard, left half; Mercer, Pennsylvania, fullback.

Walter Camp, generally accepted as the highest authority, hasn't picked the All-American yet.

DAVID BAY A DIRECTOR.

Elected on School Board to Succeed W. L. Brenholts.

On account of the permanent absence of W. L. Brenholts, a vacancy was caused to exist in the La Grande school board, and David Bay was elected to fill that position Saturday evening. Mr. Bay is a veteran director, having filled that position for several terms.

FOURTEEN MINERS KILLED.

Messages Say Americans Were Blown to Pieces by Mine Explosion.

McCallister, Okla., Nov. 28—Fourteen miners, Americans, were killed by an explosion in the Jumbo Asphalt mine, near Antlers says a message received here today by R. W. Church, state mine inspector. The mine was operated by the Choctaw Asphalt Co.

Johnson Not a Physical Wreck.

Chicago, Nov. 28—A telegram from Jack Johnson, the pugilist, due here this afternoon, denies he is physically broken down as reported.

TOTAL TOLL TWENTY-FOUR.

Twenty-Fourth Victim Taken From Factory Ruins This Morning.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 28—The grand jury will be asked to consider Saturday's factory fire which resulted in the death of twenty-four persons. Investigating officials claim evidence shows criminal negligence on the part of someone. If proved indictments will be found.

Another body, the twenty-fourth, was taken from the ruins of the factory. Three are missing yet.

PEACE REIGNS IN MEXICO SAYS PRES. DIAZ

FIRST DIRECT STATEMENT FROM
THE PRESIDENT PERTAINING
TO THE REVOLUTION.

REPUBLIC SEEMS TRANQUIL

"Mexicans Love Peace" States Letter From President Diaz Today—

Efforts to Gain Power but Love of Peace Fear of Socialism and Field Uprisings in

Mexico—The revolution's importance in the opinion of President Diaz, according to a letter he wrote and made public today. Uprisings and riots are the scheme of Madero to gain power but were only sporadic and not popular, wrote Diaz.

"The present movement won't extend," said Diaz. "Uprisings have been promptly suppressed and most of the republic remains tranquil. The Mexican people love peace and recognize its benefits and will not accept any revolution. Further, business men realize business interests would be in danger in the hands of persons who profess socialism and carry on anarchistic propaganda. No danger exists either for natives or foreigners," continues the letter.

American Arrested.

A strong feeling is aroused here over the arrest of Dick Evans, a youth who is being held "incommunicado" at Juarez. He said "Madero could whip Diaz and the Mexican army." Evans' parents are not permitted to see him. The American counsel is being urged to take the matter up officially.

MORAN STIRS TROUBLE.

Has Already Entered Into Wordy Battle With Ad Wolgast.

San Francisco, Nov. 28—Owen Moran, the only pugilist who ever knocked out Battling Nelson is scheduled to leave for New York today and has already stirred up a controversy which will keep the fight world busy. Within ten hours after the Battler was out Saturday, Moran was engaged in a wordy battle with Ad Wolgast over the proposed fight for the championship. Moran will not let Wolgast name the referee.

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Meanwhile the executive council of the American Federation is considering the question of issuing the charter. President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists is the only member of the council opposing it. It is not known however how the council members will vote.